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Dear Senator Metzenbaum,

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We do not believe that holding up notifiable sales is the solution to addressing these regional concerns. In particular, we believe that holding up or disapproving the long-term AWACS maintenance support contract would be inappropriate and counter-productive, not only to Saudi interests but also our own. This sale will support a critical military system that the Saudis are using in direct support of U.S. operations in the Gulf. Saudi AWACS support has a direct

The Honorable  
Howard M. Metzenbaum,  
United States Senate.

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bearing on the safety of our military personnel and the effectiveness of our forces in the Gulf. The contract is for personnel services only. It does not involve new equipment or any expansion of military capability.

Because missile technology is available from many countries and many nations in the region already deploy various missile systems, the proliferation of missiles in the Middle East poses a sobering challenge to our diplomacy. We believe that working with others toward a regional or global solution to the problem is the best approach to meeting that challenge.

Sincerely,

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